

MEETING NEIGHBORS AND SAVING LIVES HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

A residential fire occurs every hour in the State of Missouri, and every 3 hours in St. Louis, which equates to approximately 8 per day. Developing a home fire escape plan and practicing the plan regularly, can help your family make a safe escape during a home fire.

- 1. Make sure you install and maintain smoke alarms on every level of your home. These devices provide the early warning necessary to alert you to get out safely following your escape plan.
- 2. Use the grid to draw a floor plan of your entire home.
 - Indicate all doors, windows, bedrooms, walls, stairways, and hallways.
 - Designate at least two exits from each room.
 - Specify a meeting place outside the home where the family will gather to make sure everyone escapes.
- 3. Practice your escape plan with the entire family at least twice a year. Hold the drills during the day and at night.
- 4. Teach your children how to use 911 to call for help.
- 5. Assign someone to help small children, the elderly, and the disabled.

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